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FYI - Sharing the latest newsletter from River Network. Note that the registration for River Rally is open...check out the event program.

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The latest news, tips, and events from River Network

## NEWS

San Juan River, Colorado, photo courtesy of Nicole Silk.

### Why National Monuments Matter to Our Rivers

President Trump's decision to radically shrink Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments, if allowed to stand, will change the landscape and its rivers irrevocably into perpetuity. The new administration's stance on public land is not favorable to clean water and healthy rivers. Our public lands are sources of our water supply and serve as water banks for long-term sustainability and reliability. They provide this necessity without expense, if we take care of them. In the acres stripped of national monument status, water-intensive activities like coal, oil, and uranium extraction and mining will accelerate. These activities will result in water pollution as contaminants find their way into rivers. In short, the change in status will carry threats to water quantity and water quality. [Read the full article on the River Network Blog.](#)

## RIVER NETWORK LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**December 19, 2017, 2:00-3:00pm EST**

**Webinar - How Much is A River Worth? *Understanding the Economic Impact of the Huron River and Water Trail.*** In 2016, the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) commissioned a unique study to measure the economic impact of the river on local communities, focusing on Huron River Water Trail and the river's ecosystem services. They found the river's contribution to the local economy to be enormous. Join us for this webinar to learn the details of how the study was conducted, its key findings and how HRWC anticipates using the information to support its ongoing work. This webinar is free. [Learn more and register here.](#)

**January 11, 2018, 1:00-2:00pm EST**

**Webinar - Fundraising Essentials for Success: *All In! How to Fundraise as a Team.*** Fundraising is a team effort. There are separate and distinct roles for each member of the team, which can be blurred, depending on the organization. This session explores board and staff fundraising responsibilities; the role of the development committee; the time and energy involved in each step of the fundraising cycle; and common fundraising mistakes. This premium webinar is open to current

dues-paying River Network members only. [Learn more and register here.](#)

### **RIVER RALLY 2018 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

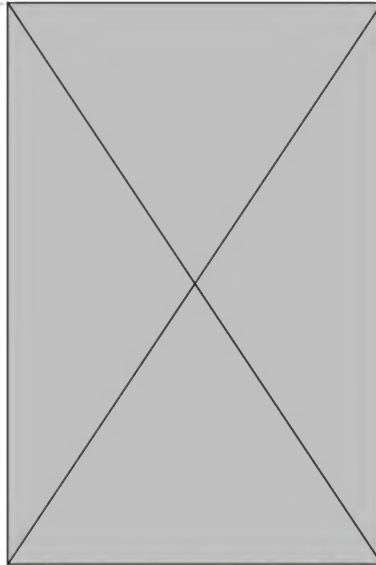
Join us for our annual gathering of the river and watershed community April 29th – May 2nd, 2018, in Olympic Valley, California. The 2018 conference will celebrate the [50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act](#) and highlight some of the best ways communities and individuals protect, restore, and conserve water for people and nature. Plus, join field trips to learn and be inspired by positive impact on local waters. [Read about the full River Rally program and register early for the best price.](#)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Call for Nominations: 2018 Urban Waters Learning Network Awards**

The Urban Waters Learning Network Awards, sponsored by the U.S. EPA, celebrate Urban Waters Learning Network members with significant achievements that have improved urban waterways and revitalized neighborhoods in their community. The awards ceremony will take place during the Urban Waters Learning Forum on April 29th, 2018, as part of River Rally. [Submit nominations now through January 24th, 2018.](#)





**Countdown to the 50th Anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act!**  
In 2018 the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act turns 50. The Wild & Scenic Rivers Council provides ideas, materials, and planning resources to help you and your community celebrate this milestone. [Download materials](#), explore events, and connect with others celebrating local waters at the [WSRA 50th Anniversary website](#).

## RIVER NETWORK MEMBER BENEFITS

### River Network's Membership Options are Changing!

On December 1st, River Network rolled out [exciting updates to our membership options](#), including new membership perks for dues-paying members. Make sure your membership is up to date to enjoy River Rally registration discounts, access to the Business for Water Stewardship funding platform, and premium webinars for paid members. [Explore membership benefits](#).

**Renew or join today!**

## MORE FROM RIVER NETWORK

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